



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Item Number:** 3

**Agenda Date:** June 7, 2022

**In Control:** San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Meeting

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**DEPARTMENT:** Pre-K 4 SA

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Dr. Sarah Baray

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Child Care Relief Funds

**SUMMARY:**

This item requests Board action to accept funds in an amount of \$6,948,294.00 in Child Care Relief Funding from the Texas Workforce Commission for recovery of expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In May 2021, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) announced that it had authorized \$790 million to support the stability of the child care sector and assist providers in responding to impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency. These funds are to be provided to all regulated child care providers to assist them in addressing the increased operating expenses they have faced as a result of the pandemic. The funding comes from \$1.1 billion that TWC received through the federal

## Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Relief funds are available for child care businesses that:

- \* Are a licensed or registered child care center or home;
- \* Were open and operating in Texas as of May 1, 2021 (or reopened and serving children as of June 18, 2021); and
- \* Don't have a corrective or adverse action with Texas Health and Human Services Commission Child Care Regulation.

In July 2021, Pre-K 4 SA applied for the funding and was notified that we would receive a total of \$1,511,866.00 in Child Care Relief Funding based on the capacity of each respective center and our NAEYC accreditation. Acceptance of these funds was approved by the Board at the August 3, 2021 meeting.

In April 2022, Pre-K 4 SA staff were notified that child care providers would be eligible for another round of funding to assist in addressing the increased operating expenses they have faced as a result of the pandemic. Pre-K 4 SA applied for the funding and was notified that we would receive a total of \$6,948,394.00 in Child Care Relief Funding based on the capacity of each respective center and our NAEYC accreditation. The funding will be received in quarterly installments, as we provide required documentation of funding use and/or complete TWC audits.

### **ISSUE:**

This item requests Board action to accept funds in an amount of \$6,948,294.00 in Child Care Relief Funding from the Texas Workforce Commission for recovery of expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This item authorizes Pre-K 4 SA to accept funds in the amount of \$6,948,294.00 in Child Care Relief Funding from the Texas Workforce Commission for recovery of expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

If the Board of Directors does not approve this item, Pre-K 4 SA would forgo \$6,948,294.00 in eligible funding to assist in COVID-19 pandemic recovery.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Pre-K 4 SA staff recommends the Board approve accepting funds in an amount of \$6,948,294.00 in Child Care Relief Funding from the Texas Workforce Commission for recovery of expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.